

Serial No.: 09/540,591 Examiner: Hsu, Alpus

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant has resubmitted that portion of the previously filed amendment, namely the Amendments to the Claims, with correction made to accurately identify that Claims 1-5 are cancelled and not withdrawn as erroneously stated in the prior amendment filed on June 16, 2004.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment now places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 6-24, and allowance of same, along with new claim 25. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

While it is believed that no fees are currently due, the Examiner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 50-0838 of Alcatel USA, and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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